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Regional CIA Head Killed in Car Crash

Harry L. Ostler, 61, regional director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, was killed Thursday in a Western Colorado car-truck crash.

Ostler's death revealed for the first time publicly the existence of a regional office of the super-secret U.S. international spy agency. Its functions here remained a mystery, as did the identity of other employees of the agency here, if any.

Ostler reportedly was en route to Grand Junction and Salt Lake City.

Scott Werner, special agent-in-charge of Colorado - Wyoming headquarters of the FBI here, said he was aware of the CIA operation here. Werner said the accident which claimed Ostler's life was routine and no FBI investigation is planned.

Others added to the state's road toll Thursday were Miss Donna Lee Reed, 19, of Jefferson County; John Henry Dickens, 76, of Longmont, and Fred Arthur Brockway, 48, of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Their deaths boost the 1965 Colorado highway fatality count

Traffic Fatalities

Colorado, 1965	65
Colorado, 1964	68
Denver, 1965	11
Denver, 1964	12

to 65, three less than last year's record pace.

Ostler, a retired brigadier general who lived at 1300 Monroe st., died at the scene of a skull fracture and a broken neck.

Colorado State Patrolman F. L. Prendergast said Ostler's car collided with a semi-trailer truck on Colorado 4 near Dowd in Eagle County.

Driver of the truck was identified as Jimmy Dean Keever, 30, of 1399 Vine st. He was uninjured.

Ostler, who began his Army career in 1932, has represented the CIA in Salt Lake City and Denver since 1951. Between 1950 and 1960, he also served as assistant

division commander of the 96th Infantry Division. He served in Africa and Europe during World War II.

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